AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1-39. (Previously Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method for using a multi-function key in a watch-type portable phone, the watch-type portable phone having a multi-function key with a protrusion adapted to slide in a first direction and a second direction substantially opposite to the first direction, and be pressed in a third direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, a display for displaying at least one of digits and characters, and at least one hierarchal menu for selecting various functions, comprising the steps of:

generating at least one input signal by performing at least one of the following multi-function key manipulations:

a) pressing the protrusion of the multi-function key at least once;

b) sliding the protrusion of the multi-function key in the first direction; and

c) sliding the protrusion of the multi-function key in the second direction,

wherein ~~the at least one input signal is used to input~~ the at least one of digits and characters are input by displaying sets of the at least one of digits and characters, moving a cursor over at least one of a character and a digit displayed in the sets of the at least one of digits and characters, and selecting the at least one of the character and the digit below the cursor, using the at least one signal of the multi-function key.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein a first inputting is performed if the manipulation is performed for a short duration, and a second inputting is performed if the manipulation is performed for a long duration.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein the at least one input signal is further used to navigate through the at least one hierarchal menu.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein the at least one input signal is further used to select a function.